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PORTAGE PARKS
DEPARTMENT

**YEAR** 2007

**COUNTY**PORTER

**CATEGORY**Low Cost Construction

GRANT AWARD \$100,000

Local Share \$100,420



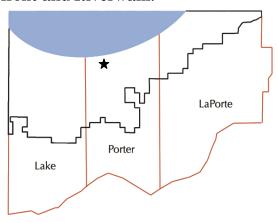
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## **Salt Creek Habitat Restoration**

The Salt Creek Habitat Restoration Project concentrated on stream and habitat restoration along a 1.78 mile portion of Salt Creek, from the southern boundary of Imagination Glen Park to the intersection of US Rt 20. Portage Parks and Recreation Department worked with Rivertenders and Northwest Indiana Steelheaders to implement this project. This project concentrated on log removal, bank improvement, introducing habitat-improving structures (lunkers), and establishing proper and accessible access points at several locations. This project was designed to address an opportunity presented to the City of Portage to develop a beautiful natural area and provide for both active and passive outdoor recreation experiences to residents and visitors to Portage in addition to improving the natural habitat of Salt Creek. A secondary benefit of this project is the creation of a blueway corridor from the trail head in Imagination Glen Park through Salt Creek and the Little Calumet River with access to Lake Michigan and Portage's Lakefront and Riverwalk.



**RESULT:** Restored the stream bank and created habitat structures on Salt Creek.